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Forecast Calls for Improved State Economy

Alabama should experience renewed economic vigor during the next ten years, according to the latest forecast of the Alabama Econometric Model (AEM). Growth in Alabama Gross State Product should consistently outpace that of Gross National Product; the state's unemployment rate should dip below the national jobless rate; the personal income of Alabamians should increase each year at rates above national income growth; and retail sales in Alabama should grow at rates well above inflation.

These measures and others from the AEM appear in a table on Page 2. The full results of the model are to be published in *Alabama Economic Outlook 1985*. The project is a joint venture between the Center for Business and Economic Research, which developed and maintains the AEM, and the Office of State Planning, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, which will produce the publication. Readers will be notified of the *Outlook's* availability in a future issue.

Several dollar measures in the table are presented in current dollars and 1972 dollars. Those in 1972 dollars represent current values adjusted for inflation. The values for the three items under the "U.S. Deflator" heading may also be interpreted as measures of inflation.

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Selected Economic Indicators for Alabama and U.S., Projected 1984-1993

Selected Indicator	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Gross Product										
Ala. GSP, current dollars (bil)	44.170	48.389	52.458	58.457	64.436	70.701	76.601	84.920	94.194	104.372
Growth rate (%)	10.3	9.6	8.4	11.4	10.2	9.7	8.3	10.9	10.9	10.8
U.S. GNP, current dollars (bil)	3,661.302	3,963.010	4,204.383	4,609.953	5,005.000	5,408.918	5,747.871	6,230.187	6,727.570	7,260.422
Growth rate (%)	10.6	8.2	6.1	9.6	8.6	8.1	6.3	8.4	8.0	7.9
Ala. GSP, 1972 dollars (bil)	19.932	20.778	21.356	22.801	23.850	24.810	25.417	26.919	28.347	29.782
Growth rate (%)	5.6	4.2	2.8	6.8	4.6	4.0	2.4	5.9	5.3	5.1
U.S. GNP, 1972 dollars (bil)	1,631.861	1,676.559	1,685.992	1,769.695	1,823.726	1,868.918	1,878.574	1,948.138	2,001.583	2,052.156
Growth rate (%)	6.3	2.7	.6	5.0	3.1	2.5	.5	3.7	2.7	2.5
Ala. per capita GSP, 1972 dollars	4,843	4,983	5,077	5,374	5,573	5,749	5,840	6,130	6,398	6,663
Growth rate (%)	4.3	2.9	1.9	5.9	3.7	3.1	1.6	5.0	4.4	4.1
Per capita GNP, 1972 dollars	6,851	6,965	6,933	7,208	7,361	7,478	7,454	7,668	7,817	7,952
Growth rate (%)	5.1	1.7	-.5	4.0	2.1	1.6	-.3	2.9	1.9	1.7
Per capita GSP/per capita GNP	70.691	71.542	73.224	74.554	75.714	76.873	78.345	79.944	81.856	83.797
U.S. Deflator (1972 = 100) Growth Rates										
Gross national product (%)	4.1	5.4	5.5	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.7	4.5	5.1	5.3
Personal consumption (%)	3.9	5.5	5.6	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.0
Consumer Price Index (%)	3.6	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.9	5.8	5.9	4.8	5.5	5.6
Population										
Alabama (thou)	4,116	4,170	4,207	4,243	4,279	4,316	4,352	4,391	4,430	4,469
United States (thou)	238,207	240,723	243,176	245,516	247,757	249,917	252,018	254,057	256,064	258,068
Employment										
Ala. total employment (thou)	1,699	1,728	1,744	1,789	1,823	1,850	1,873	1,943	2,035	2,147
Growth rate (%)	2.3	1.7	.9	2.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	3.7	4.8	5.5
Ala. unemployment rate (%)	11.447	9.954	10.131	7.454	6.951	6.311	7.547	6.064	6.319	5.380
U.S. unemployment rate (%)	7.561	7.284	7.859	6.743	6.407	6.724	7.726	6.960	6.700	6.560
Personal Income										
Ala. total, current dollars (mil)	40,892	44,759	48,768	53,574	58,227	63,478	68,641	75,025	81,685	89,046
Growth rate (%)	9.9	9.5	9.0	9.9	8.7	9.0	8.1	9.3	8.9	9.0
Ala. total, 1972 dollars (mil)	18,448	19,136	19,742	20,782	21,487	22,279	22,880	23,999	24,922	25,868
Growth rate (%)	5.8	3.7	3.2	5.3	3.4	3.7	2.7	4.9	3.8	3.8
Ala. per capita, current dollars	9,935	10,733	11,593	12,627	13,607	14,708	15,772	17,085	18,438	19,924
Growth rate (%)	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.9	7.8	8.1	7.2	8.3	7.9	8.1
U.S. per capita, current dollars	12,654	13,612	14,531	15,527	16,471	17,571	18,672	19,902	21,118	22,388
Growth rate (%)	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.1	6.0
Ala./U.S. comparative advantage	.785	.789	.798	.813	.826	.837	.845	.858	.873	.890
Disposable Income										
Ala. total, current dollars (mil)	35,365	38,580	41,622	45,541	49,315	53,516	57,589	62,699	68,048	73,973
Growth rate (%)	10.6	9.1	7.9	9.4	8.3	8.5	7.6	8.9	8.5	8.7
Ala. total, 1972 dollars (mil)	15,955	16,494	16,849	17,666	18,198	18,783	19,196	20,056	20,761	21,489
Growth rate (%)	6.5	3.4	2.2	4.9	3.0	3.2	2.2	4.5	3.5	3.5
Ala. per capita, 1972 dollars	3,876	3,955	4,005	4,164	4,253	4,352	4,411	4,567	4,686	4,808
Growth rate (%)	5.1	2.0	1.3	4.0	2.1	2.3	1.3	3.5	2.6	2.6
Manufacturing Wage Rates										
Ala. nondurable mfg. current dollars	17,747	19,145	20,459	22,330	24,305	26,610	28,504	31,045	33,375	36,486
Growth rate (%)	7.7	7.9	6.9	9.1	8.8	9.5	7.1	8.9	7.5	9.3
U.S. nondurable mfg., current dollars	20,899	22,211	23,592	24,918	26,693	28,725	30,900	32,792	34,971	37,425
Growth rate(%)	6.0	6.3	6.2	5.6	7.1	7.6	7.6	6.1	6.6	7.0
Ala./U.S. comparative advantage	.849	.862	.867	.896	.911	.926	.922	.947	.954	.975
Ala. durable mfg., current dollars	20,806	22,419	23,913	25,782	27,946	30,423	32,730	35,091	37,576	40,644
Growth rate (%)	8.7	7.8	6.7	7.8	8.4	8.9	7.6	7.2	7.1	8.2
U.S. durable mfg., current dollars	25,128	26,761	28,470	30,104	32,303	34,854	37,645	39,886	42,618	45,590
Growth rate (%)	7.1	6.5	6.4	5.7	7.3	7.9	8.0	6.0	6.8	7.0
Ala./U.S. comparative advantage	.828	.838	.840	.856	.865	.873	.869	.880	.882	.892
Alabama Retail Trade										
Total, current dollars (mil)	27,132	29,740	32,167	36,409	39,551	42,946	45,683	51,307	56,701	62,890
Growth rate (%)	11.8	9.6	8.2	13.2	8.6	8.6	6.4	12.3	10.5	10.9
Total, 1972 dollars (mil)	12,241	12,715	13,022	14,124	14,595	15,073	15,228	16,412	17,299	18,270
Growth rate (%)	7.6	3.9	2.4	8.5	3.3	3.3	1.0	7.8	5.4	5.6
Alabama State Tax Revenues										
Total, current dollars (mil)	2,810	3,173	3,513	3,933	4,359	4,823	5,281	5,874	6,528	7,279
Growth rate (%)	15.2	12.9	10.7	11.9	10.8	10.7	9.5	11.2	11.1	11.5
Alabama Energy Consumption										
Electricity index (1972 = 100)	126.766	133.545	135.428	148.757	155.604	162.242	161.126	179.599	189.781	
Natural gas index (1972 = 100)	90.697	92.377	93.576	95.763	97.899	99.732	100.499	102.073	103.784	105.614
Gasoline consumed per capita (gal)	477	485	493	501	510	519	527	535	543	551

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,766,800	161,000	225,200	235,100	278,600	290,800	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600
Residential	847,200	1,290,700	101,800	104,600	155,300	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900
Nonresidential	660,000	1,019,600	44,600	75,300	45,500	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,600	14,600	45,300	34,300	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871
Franchise	52,016	52,214	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504
Income	765,160	815,838	36,785	81,341	81,867	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478
Sales	562,208	609,132	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	.....	2,867	5,734	.....	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980
Use	67,876	66,519	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868
Utility	134,597	152,287	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7
Food	285.7	291.7	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2
Housing	314.7	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6
Transportation	291.5	298.4	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9
Medical care	328.7	357.3	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3
Energy	416.0	419.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.7	311.4	312.0
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.3	323.9	324.0
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	121.7	120.0	126.0	123.0	122.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)* As measured by															
Consumer prices	346	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	328	326	325	324	323	322	321
Wholesale prices	334	330	330	328	328	327	327	327	325	324	322	321	321	321	321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	1,777.0	1,794.7	1,797.2
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	185.5	195.1	212.7
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	10.4	10.9	11.8
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	1,591.5	1,599.6	1,584.5
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	1,348.8	1,359.5	1,348.4
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	351.8	353.7	345.5
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	167.5	168.4	167.1
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.2
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.0
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.2	25.8
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	.....	14.8	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	16.1	16.4	16.3
Electrical, electronic equip.	.....	21.8	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.3
Transportation	22.6	21.5	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.4	23.9	23.9
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.1
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	184.3	185.3	178.4
Food	26.5	26.9	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	27.3	27.3
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.2	39.8	38.0
Apparel	53.0	54.3	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	56.2	56.2	50.9
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.5	21.6
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.6
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.7	15.9
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6	997.0	1,005.8	1,002.9
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.0	14.2	14.2
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6	63.3	66.1	66.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4	71.9	72.7	72.0
Trade	267.4	271.0	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5	278.8	280.9	281.8
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6	71.7	71.6	72.1
Retail	197.4	201.3	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9	207.1	209.3	209.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6	61.1	61.7	62.2
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4	220.0	219.3	218.5
Government	290.1	289.2	295.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2	287.9	290.9	287.5
Federal	65.1	64.6	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.2	64.6	64.8
State and local	224.9	224.6	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3	223.7	226.3	222.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	15,560	15,670	15,570
	15.0	14.1	12.6	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9	8.8	9.1
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850	34,510	35,050
	12.1	12.3	12.6	11.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8	9.0	10.5
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030	12,040	12,010
	16.2	13.1	13.3	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.8
Bibb	5,670	5,940	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950	6,000	5,950
	22.8	19.6	17.2	16.2	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8	15.1	15.6
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360	13,370	13,390
	19.9	18.1	19.1	16.0	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6	11.7	13.0
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510	4,590	4,600
	18.3	17.2	20.1	18.4	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0	14.5	17.5
Butler	9,960	9,900	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900	9,960	10,020
	20.3	17.3	17.9	15.9	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6	13.9	15.2
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820	48,380	49,370
	15.1	13.1	13.2	12.0	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5	9.9	13.2
Chambers	16,280	16,920	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160	17,220	17,280
	11.3	9.8	11.2	9.7	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9	10.1	11.1
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640	11,040	11,590
	14.8	15.4	19.4	17.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.6	11.3	11.2	18.8	18.5
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880	16,060	15,930
	15.6	13.3	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4	10.7	11.6
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670	5,530	5,790
	15.3	15.2	19.0	14.7	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7	13.8	18.4
Clarke	10,450	10,810	11,090	10,300	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650	10,720	10,970
	15.9	16.2	17.0	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	15.2
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930	7,890	7,860
	13.5	13.8	17.4	12.9	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3	10.7	11.2
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,180	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120	5,280	5,500
	14.5	12.5	11.0	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4	9.9	14.0
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240	20,160	20,180
	11.8	10.8	10.7	9.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	9.0
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880	24,060	24,020
	19.0	18.5	18.6	17.4	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0	16.2	17.1
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370	7,360	7,280
	13.9	12.7	12.3	11.1	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0	10.6	11.5
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,610	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580	5,500	5,540
	10.8	10.3	11.6	9.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.8
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370	16,310	16,290
	13.5	12.3	14.9	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0	9.2	10.8
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440	7,220	7,100
	13.8	12.1	24.3	10.8	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6	10.0	11.0
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300	29,220	29,070
	17.2	14.7	14.4	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6	10.1	11.1
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080	13,040	13,180
	13.1	13.7	14.2	12.6	11.6	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0	11.0	13.4
Dallas	23,870	23,640	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220	23,700	23,780
	17.3	17.5	18.0	16.3	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3	15.2	16.5
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	31,260	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290	30,670	31,270
	13.4	13.8	14.7	12.0	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.6	11.4
Elmore	19,880	20,770	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670	20,860	20,700
	13.3	12.2	12.3	11.7	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.0
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,890	17,360	17,140	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680	17,770	17,660
	13.2	12.6	13.7	12.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.8	11.4
Etowah	42,720	42,450	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700	42,230	42,870
	20.5	17.5	17.0	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7	11.6	13.6
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550	10,540	10,530
	11.4	11.7	11.7	10.9	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1	8.7	9.8
Franklin	13,310	14,200	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910	14,830	15,100
	18.4	18.2	24.4	15.9	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2	15.9	21.6
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830	11,940	11,760
	11.4	10.5	10.9	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7	7.5	9.8
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730	4,680	4,690
	17.0	16.7	15.3	14.1	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6	15.5	16.4
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,550	5,260	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,360	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440	5,510	5,570
	20.7	16.6	19.3	13.5	13.0	12.3	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0	16.3	21.2
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,360	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540	7,350	7,240
	12.2	11.2	12.5	10.7	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	10.6
Houston	39,040	40,070	41,010	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060	41,290	41,010
	10.0	10.8	12.4	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	10.3
Jackson	21,080	20,800	21,480	20,280	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440	19,200	19,940
	20.4	22.0	23.6	17.6	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5	15.7	22.0
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	315,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110	313,030	313,360
	13.8	12.8	12.5	11.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.4	9.8
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,880	8,670	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060	9,270	9,180
	13.5	9.8	9.9	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.6	9.2
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	35,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530	34,910	35,120
	17.5	16.9	17.7	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	14.7	16.2
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	14,840	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880	13,730	13,790
	18.9	18.7	18.1	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	15.3
Lee	34,330	36,140	36,280	36,600	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420	37,650	36,470
	9.4	8.4	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.5	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2	7.8	7.8
Limestone	22,840	23,940	23,890	24,030	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770	24,940	24,900
	13.6	11.0	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5	9.0
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,370	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360	5,300	5,290
	19.2	17.6	18.7	18.1	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6	20.3
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,120	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000	8,360	8,220
	14.9	13.5	15.2	14.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	13.9	14.3
Madison	94,570	100,410	101,810	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860	105,950	104,940
	10.7	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.6
Marengo	9,690	9,920	10,210	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960	10,260	10,430
	15.4	15.4	17.1	13.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7	12.7	15.6
Marion	13,300	13,760	14,320	13,810	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320	13,390	13,490
	18.3	19.4	20.5	17.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3	11.6	13.9
Marshall	33,020	34,920	37,360	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770	36,400	38,390
	14.8	13.0	17.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	10.5	15.8
Mobile	158,750	163,820	169,240	167,360	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340	167,090	167,440
	14.0	15.9	16.2	16.2	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8	12.7	12.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840	11,060	11,020
	14.2	12.6	12.2	11.4	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.5	12.7
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540	96,350	95,770
	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.4	9.7
Morgan	37,450	37,990	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	38,070	38,590	38,390
	16.1	14.5	14.4	13.6	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.0	12.5
Perry	5,690	5,860	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780	5,910	5,860
	15.7	14.8	14.2	13.6	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0	10.4	12.5
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730	7,790	7,700
	19.7	17.7	17.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.2	15.7
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,350	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870	13,890	13,620
	13.4	13.7	14.8	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9	9.9	10.6
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	8,880	8,650	9,240
	21.7	17.8	24.5	16.4	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9	14.0	22.0
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,590	18,510	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930	20,370	19,660
	16.7	13.7	12.8	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9	17.0	13.7
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110	19,330	19,280
	14.7	14.2	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8	9.9	9.9
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910	31,490	31,510
	13.0	12.4	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3	11.0	11.4
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180	7,360	7,330
	17.7	14.3	16.7	13.7	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1	13.2	13.5
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900	32,680	32,130
	19.2	17.1	17.4	16.2	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5	15.1	15.0
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160	17,620	17,600
	13.5	12.2	15.7	12.0	9.8	10.3	9.3	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0	9.3	9.7
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	55,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,180	57,710	57,230
	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.1	10.3
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520	32,570	32,700
	15.0	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7	10.9	11.6
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770	6,610	6,770
	16.9	20.0	22.6	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5	17.2	21.6
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,590	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410	5,420	5,360
	18.7	20.3	19.5	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0	16.6	18.0
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500	9,400	9,310
	22.5	18.6	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4	16.2	17.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	610	344	524	547	546	866	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445
Gasoline sales[a] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798
New passenger car registrations[b] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[c] *($1,000,000)*															
Food									289	281	305	306	301	303	306
General stores with food and gas									13	12	14	15	15	15	14
General merchandise									157	144	176	191	191	196	173
Apparel									35	34	46	52	45	47	38
Furniture, furnishings, etc.									41	40	44	43	43	45	44
Automotive									211	234	275	259	278	286	260
Gasoline service stations									22	22	25	25	25	25	25
Lumber and building materials									55	61	73	77	81	82	76
Hardware and farm implements									23	29	37	39	40	40	36
Eating places									95	97	112	102	103	105	105
Drug stores									22	21	21	21	24	25	19
All other retail									153	156	173	175	175	179	156
Total sales by retail concerns									1,115	1,130	1,303	1,304	1,324	1,347	1,251
Nonretail and unclassified concerns									190	187	213	216	227	226	204
Total all sales at retail									1,305	1,318	1,516	1,520	1,550	1,573	1,455
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[c] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston									36,218	36,363	42,586	42,236	43,018	43,559	40,849
Birmingham									347,185	363,544	421,170	416,841	426,965	430,885	398,304
Dothan									42,222	43,478	50,264	51,014	51,399	52,086	49,508
Florence									32,540	32,361	37,607	38,301	38,847	39,309	40,544
Gadsden									74,333	77,026	85,484	85,354	87,602	88,705	84,246
Huntsville									149,185	150,594	173,363	177,829	178,458	185,236	173,511
Mobile									99,256	102,787	116,641	116,989	122,529	124,411	115,793
Montgomery									47,055	45,686	51,856	50,647	52,004	53,199	49,082
Tuscaloosa									43,786	47,673	53,482	52,839	55,864	56,854	51,565
Counties															
Autauga									6,750	6,981	7,965	8,236	8,092	8,394	8,222
Baldwin									22,302	24,494	28,036	28,648	29,908	30,703	30,425
Barbour									6,143	4,784	5,918	5,879	6,206	6,279	5,679
Bibb									2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,673	3,710	3,212
Blount									6,051	6,128	6,962	7,137	7,731	7,873	7,221
Bullock									2,107	2,142	2,143	2,122	1,972	1,968	2,151
Butler									5,521	4,604	5,444	5,550	5,217	5,309	5,482
Calhoun									36,218	36,363	42,586	42,236	43,018	43,559	40,849
Chambers									8,075	7,883	9,211	10,567	9,371	8,901	8,468
Cherokee									3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,339	4,417	3,794
Chilton									6,947	7,004	8,129	8,264	8,428	8,589	7,693
Choctaw									2,995	2,759	3,195	3,039	2,917	3,000	2,672
Clarke									6,232	7,229	8,266	8,614	7,819	7,929	7,127
Clay									1,884	1,877	2,294	2,215	2,233	2,261	1,930
Cleburne									1,686	1,611	1,936	1,951	1,982	1,997	2,052
Coffee									13,469	14,295	16,957	16,212	16,462	16,255	13,887

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,564	18,128	20,907	21,046	21,636	21,967	21,043
Conecuh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,505	2,723	3,441	3,127	3,067	3,031	2,784
Coosa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	619	525	723	733	692	662	591
Covington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,580	10,588	12,081	11,523	11,599	11,753	10,828
Crenshaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,376	2,297	2,456	2,527	2,502	2,571	2,867
Cullman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,925	16,817	19,753	19,987	20,146	20,881	19,607
Dale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,035	7,619	8,766	8,481	8,812	8,918	8,299
Dallas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,219	14,086	16,685	16,379	16,949	16,991	15,832
DeKalb	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,348	13,021	13,813	14,701	15,486	15,793	14,526
Elmore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,196	7,516	8,418	8,193	8,841	9,012	7,839
Escambia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,860	10,619	12,085	12,445	11,703	11,931	10,626
Etowah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,301	38,847	39,309	40,544
Fayette	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,728	4,969	5,815	5,397	5,680	5,750	4,383
Franklin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,713	7,347	8,510	8,408	8,422	8,570	7,666
Geneva	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,841	11,557	11,994	12,071	12,433	12,393	11,463
Greene	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,267	1,281	1,564	1,490	1,610	1,628	1,642
Hale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,239	2,395	2,764	2,567	2,799	2,845	2,463
Henry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,323	2,464	3,029	3,011	2,937	2,995	2,894
Houston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36,751	40,054	44,716	44,358	47,052	47,936	43,266
Jackson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,259	9,452	10,924	10,904	11,165	11,416	10,136
Jefferson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	294,581	309,919	359,976	355,033	360,566	363,924	337,034
Lamar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,691	2,901	3,797	3,123	3,415	3,457	2,954
Lauderdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,658	25,350	29,357	29,968	29,763	30,119	28,465
Lawrence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,647	3,475	4,135	4,212	4,571	4,648	3,860
Lee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,946	24,851	28,199	28,104	28,865	29,231	27,516
Limestone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,168	11,418	13,548	13,277	14,039	14,286	12,315
Lowndes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,271	1,207	1,326	1,371	1,449	1,453	1,289
Macon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,851	3,179	3,476	3,648	3,749	3,813	3,545
Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74,333	77,026	85,484	85,354	87,602	88,705	84,246
Marengo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,549	5,112	5,667	5,450	5,382	5,424	4,836
Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,858	7,014	8,208	7,468	7,901	8,098	7,315
Marshall	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,754	23,968	27,928	28,065	29,263	29,655	27,710
Mobile	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126,883	126,100	145,327	149,181	148,550	154,533	143,086
Monroe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,164	6,518	8,373	7,645	7,511	7,941	7,581
Montgomery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85,310	88,290	100,258	100,560	105,596	107,005	99,732
Morgan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,390	31,377	36,641	37,593	38,303	38,963	34,885
Perry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,631	1,870	2,145	2,027	2,143	2,160	2,018
Pickens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,964	2,925	3,487	3,624	3,633	3,678	3,385
Pike	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,438	6,699	7,661	7,321	7,486	7,425	6,728
Randolph	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,135	4,639	4,898	4,439	4,776	4,850	4,239
Russell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,175	8,978	9,990	9,872	10,178	10,318	9,818
St. Clair	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,317	9,182	10,380	9,949	10,735	10,896	9,789
Shelby	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,846	17,886	21,005	20,768	22,558	22,680	20,490
Sumter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,247	2,163	2,866	2,443	2,407	2,486	2,418
Talladega	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,279	17,171	19,165	20,265	22,582	21,108	19,492
Tallapoosa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,468	9,637	10,653	10,966	11,406	11,587	10,222
Tuscaloosa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47,055	45,686	51,856	50,647	52,004	53,199	49,082
Walker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,390	20,429	22,847	23,954	25,375	25,512	23,770
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,575	1,619	1,717	1,825	1,929	1,957	1,226
Wilcox	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,935	2,092	2,417	2,248	3,045	3,094	2,889
Winston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,972	5,188	6,009	6,159	6,408	6,405	5,408
Statewide[1]	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84,042	63,295	74,479	79,771	75,312	77,066	67,546
BUILDING PERMITS[2]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	95,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776
Residential	237,082	449,881	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833
Residential	2,700	3,593	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	408	324	322
Nonresidential	442	932	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169
Residential	13,918	31,921	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909
Residential	2,937	7,340	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901
Residential	5,626	7,760	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166
Residential	1,517	2,006	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007
Residential	18,311	51,350	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,239	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707
Residential	19,544	38,261	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208
Nonresidential	43,701	49,688	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227
Residential	7,481	6,391	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	737	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994
Residential	987	357	.....	20	.....	.....	65	20	.....	.....	24	87	82	117	148
Nonresidential	1,739	798	275	20	18	30	1	.....	3	133	36	717	35	.....	7
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719
Residential	6,592	14,849	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.
[2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.
[3]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co.
[4]End-of-month balance.
[5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.
[6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.
[7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence; and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.
[8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.
[9]Excludes sales to federal government.
[10]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company.
[11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**
[12]Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.
[13]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Most Alabama Areas 'Labor Surplus'

With few exceptions, the counties and cities of Alabama have been designated as "labor surplus areas" by the U.S. Department of Labor. Because of the designation, which will be in effect for the entire fiscal year that began October 1, employers may obtain preference in obtaining federal contracts.

The designations are based upon an area's unemployment rate over a two-year period. The period used in making these designations spans January 1982 through December 1983. All areas having a jobless rate of at least 10 percent during that period were classified as labor surplus. These criteria may also be waived in cases where the Labor Department finds exceptional circumstances.

With the exception of Hawaii, all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico all had at least one area designated as labor surplus. All areas of Alabama except Lee, Madison, and Montgomery counties (although the city of Montgomery is included) received the designation.

Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in federal contract bids if they agree to perform at least 51 percent of the contract work within such areas.

Retail Data Lost

Alabama retail trade data for June 1984 was inadvertently lost and cannot be recaptured. The June data in this issue has been estimated based upon May 1984 reports for the state and the percent change by category as reported in the Bureau of the Census's national retail trade series.

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Foreign Trade Through The Mobile Customs District

The Port of Mobile is the largest port in the Mobile Customs District. The district consists of ports in three states: Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Panama City, Pensacola, and Port St. Joe in Florida; Gulfport and Pascagoula in Mississippi; and Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile in Alabama.

The Bureau of the Census provides foreign trade data on computer tape each month to the Center for Business and Economic Research. CBER's reports cover import and export data by country and by commodity for each of the ports in the district and for the district as a whole. Although *Alabama Business* normally publishes only four figures from these reports (total value and shipping weight for imports, total value and shipping weight for exports for the Port of Mobile), considerable detail is available to inquirers.

The statistics record the physical movement of merchandise from the United States to foreign countries, whether a commercial transaction is involved or not. They exclude shipments made by the federal government, monetary gold and issued coins merchandise in transit between countries, fuel for use on departing vessels, and electrical energy. They do include, however, foreign aid commodities, military sales commodities, and agricultural assistance commodities.

The import and export data available to this Center include waterborne commerce only. Airborn commerce is not included.

Imports and exports through the Port of Mobile, or any other Alabama port, are not indicative of international commerce done by Alabama firms. Merchants from many states use the Port of Mobile as the exit port for their goods. These data also do not indicate how many Alabama firms are doing international business. There is no indication of firm name associated with these data, so one cannot tell which businesses are importers or exporters of goods.

Since at least 1975 crude petroleum had been the leading commodity imported through the Port of Mobile. For a number of years Saudi Arabia, and later Venezuela, was the principal country shipping the crude to Mobile. In 1983, however, crude petroleum fell to second place as Mobile's leading import, supplanted by nitrogenous compounds shipped primarily by the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. Other top imports through the Port of Mobile in 1983 were iron ore and concentrates from Canada, wood pulp, and bituminous coal, both from the Republic of South Africa.

Soybeans have been the number one export through the Port of Mobile for many years. Japan was the principal recipient of the soybeans until 1982, when Spain received the greatest shipment, and 1983 when Romania topped the soybean export list. Coal and wood pulp have vied for second spot among exports through the Port for several years. For the last two years, low volatile bituminous coal shipped to Japan has held second place among exports. In addition to soybeans, other agricultural products such as unmilled corn, milled rice, raw cotton, and leguminous vegetables have historically been among the top ten export products handled by the Port of Mobile, but in 1983 all except soybeans fell out of the top ten list to be replaced by durable goods such as cast iron soil pipe and iron or steel angles and shapes.

The Port of Pascagoula ranked above the Port of Mobile in total value and total weight of imports for 1983. However, 97.3 percent of those imports was crude petroleum and the lion's share, over $1 billion worth or 53.6 percent of Pascagoula's total imports, was crude petroleum imported from Saudi Arabia. Other countries sending crude petroleum through the Port of Pascagoula are in descending order: Nigeria, Indonesia, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Angola.

The Port of Mobile accounts for more than half the export traffic of the Customs District. In value 56.4 percent of the District's 1983 volume and 69.8 percent in weight are attributable to Mobile. In dollar value of exports the District's coastal ports ranked in 1983 as follows: Mobile, Pascagoula, Gulfport, Pensacola, Panama City, and Port St. Joe.

The second-ranked Port of Pascagoula handles a variety of exports, ranging from soybeans to floating dock structures and parts. Gulfport ranks third with 11 percent of the District's 1983 export activities, and handles a good bit of exporting of mechanical equipment and other durable goods to Honduras, Costa Rica, and other Central American countries. Pensacola's port handles nearly 9 percent of the District's export activity. Most commodities that left Pensacola went to African countries. Wheat flour, not donated, was the major commodity, followed by other agricultural products that were donated for relief. Products leaving Panama City's port went primarily to Central America or Africa; however, bleached hardwood wood pulp destined for European countries and the Orient was the single most valuable commodity exported from Panama City during 1983. Only two commodities were shipped from Port St. Joe during 1983—tall oil to West Germany, and magnesite to the U.S.S.R.

Exports through the Mobile Customs District have declined every year since 1980, and in 1983 declined by nearly one-third. This was true whether measured by value or by weight of commodities shipped.

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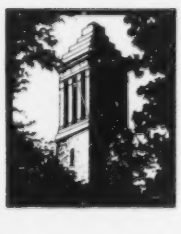

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